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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, US, HO

SUBJECT:UNITED BRANDS PAYMENTS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATION

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 4746

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POINTS MADE IN REFTEL AND AGREES THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN POLITICAL RISKS INVOLVED IN FEFFER TRIP. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED THAT THE CLEAR US INTEREST INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION OUTWEIGHS RISKS NOTED BY EMBASSY. THEREFORE, REQUEST EMBASSY PROCEED WITH APPROACH TO GOH AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. ASSUMING EMBASSY CAN PERSUADE GOH OF IMPORTANCE TO US OF FEFFER VISIT, WE WILL COUNT ON EMBASSY'S SENSITIVITY TO LOCAL ISSUES TO CONTAIN ANY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS. WE BELIEVE EMBASSY WILL FIND FEFFER COOPERATIVE IN THIS REGARD. IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS WITH MEMBERS OF SPECIAL
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INVESTIGATORY COMMISSION AND OTHERS, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE

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THAT FEFFER IS ONLY INTERESTED IN ASPECTS OF CASE BEARING ON ACTS OF U.S. CITIZENS (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE). THIS REQUEST THUS PARALLELS REQUEST TO US BY INVESTIGATING COMMISSION IN WHICH WE COOPERATED FULLY. SINCE FEFFER DOES

NOT SPEAK SPANISH, WE WILL EXPECT EMBASSY OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY HIM NOT ONLY FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSLATION, BUT ALSO TO HELP HIM AVOID INADVERTENTLY WANDERING ONTO BOOBY-TRAPPED TERRAIN.

3. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COOPERATION IN THIS EFFORT. KISSINGER

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